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Repair/Renovation Work at Calicut Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of repair/renovation work on the runway at Calicut airport;

(b) whether the Government had given any assurance that the Air India service between Calicut and Delhi would be resumed immediately after completion of the work;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in completion of work; and

(d) the reason for delay in resuming Air India service from Delhi to Calicut?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) : 66 percent of repair/renovation work of Calicut Airport runway has now been completed.

(b) : Air India flight between Calicut and Delhi had to be withdrawn as the arrival and departure timings of the flight was within the NOTAM period between 1200 hrs to 2000 hrs. However, Air India has commenced a daily flight between Mumbai and Calicut with effect from 01.11.2015 which is operating within the permissible NOTAM period.

(c) & (d) : The daily time slot available for repairing work is very limited in an operational and busy airport like Calicut as disturbances to flight operations is to be maintained at the minimum level. The runway re-carpeting and strengthening work of Calicut airport was commenced in September, 2015 and is scheduled to be completed in 18 months and as such so far, there is no such delay in completion of work or in resuming of Air India services.